

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MAINE

**APRIL, 2024 CRIMINAL TRIAL LIST FOR BANGOR**

This list contains criminal cases that will be scheduled for trial in Bangor during the month of April, 2024.

**Jury Selection is scheduled for April 2nd and 3rd at 9:00 a.m.<sup>1</sup>**

Prior to jury selection, Counsel should be prepared to submit to the Court, orally or *in camera*, a list of witnesses who may be called to testify at trial, so that the Court may inquire of the potential jury members whether they are acquainted with any of the witnesses.

**Filings:**

Any requested voir dire interrogatories; requested jury instructions, the need for which can reasonably be anticipated at that time; and trial briefs, not to exceed twenty (20) pages, shall be filed by March 26, 2024.

**Juror Questionnaires:**

Jurors summoned for selection are required to complete a questionnaire containing questions that will not be asked during jury impanelment. These questionnaires will be available in CM/ECF seven (7) days prior to selection and counsel are to review those questionnaires prior to selection. Only those questionnaires that are not available in CM/ECF will be available for review on the day of jury selection. Counsel of record will be provided access to these documents through the date of jury selection, after which the questionnaires will not be available for review.

**Notifying the Court:**

Counsel shall advise the Clerk not later than March 11, 2024 whether their case is firm for trial or is to be otherwise resolved. Any change of plea will be taken prior to jury selection.

Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 50 requires that scheduling preference must be given to criminal proceedings as far as practicable. The District of Maine Speedy Trial Plan requires that the trial of those defendants in custody solely because they are awaiting trial or those defendants designated as high risk shall be given preference over other criminal cases. 18 U.S.C. § 3164(a).

**Motions for a Date Certain for Trial or for Protection from Trial:**

Any motion for a date certain for trial or for protection from trial shall be filed not later than March 11, 2024. After the deadline for filing such motions has expired, the Court will take the motions under advisement, as a whole, for determination of trial dates.

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<sup>1</sup> The Court will ordinarily plan to select 3 juries per day, with the second day held in reserve. Counsel should be prepared to select a jury on the first day, regardless of position on the trial list. The Court will notify counsel as soon as practicable if the second day is not needed.

**Pattern Criminal Jury Instructions:**

The Pattern Criminal Jury Instructions for the District Courts of the First Circuit are available for inspection in the Clerk's Office and can also be found on the District Court's Internet Home Page at [www.med.uscourts.gov](http://www.med.uscourts.gov).

Counsel are specifically directed to Local Rule 157.4 and should consult with the Court if there is any doubt regarding the application of this rule.

## Trials to Commence in April, 2024

1)	USA <u>Criminal No. 1:19-cr-00026-LEW</u>  Joel B. Casey, AUSA Raphaelle A. Silver, AUSA Andrew K. Lizotte, AUSA	v.	AMANDA COWETTE  Hunter J. Tzovarras, Esq.
2)	USA <u>Criminal No. 1:22-cr-00095-LEW</u>  Jeanne D. Semivan, AUSA	v.	CHRISTIE MITCHELL  James S. Nixon, AFD
3)	USA <u>Criminal No. 1:22-cr-00153-LEW</u>  Andrew McCormack, AUSA	v.	YARDLEY DAVIS  Christopher K. MacLean, Esq.
4)	USA <u>Criminal No. 1:23-cr-00041-LEW</u>  Andrew McCormack, AUSA	v.	KYLE LAWLESS POLLAR  Luke Rioux, Esq.
5)	USA <u>Criminal No. 1:23-cr-00073-LEW</u>  Andrew McCormack, AUSA	v.	KEVIN LEE ROSS*  Hunter J. Tzovarras, Esq.
*Defendant is in Federal Custody.			
6)	USA <u>Criminal No. 1:23-cr-00101-LEW</u>  Chris Ruge, AUSA Nicholas S. Heimbach, AUSA	v.	MATTHEW PODLASKI*  Donald F. Brown, Esq.
*Defendant is in Federal Custody.			
7)	USA <u>Criminal No. 1:23-cr-00103-LEW</u>  Shira Furman, AUSA	v.	ANGELO CASTIGLIOLA*  Scott F. Hess, Esq.
*Defendant is in Federal Custody.			
8)	USA <u>Criminal No. 1:24-cr-00018-LEW</u>  Andrew McCormack, AUSA	v.	LUCAS LANDRY  James S. Nixon, AFD

**STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MAINE  
ELECTRONIC EVIDENCE PRESENTATION**

The U.S. District Court for the District of Maine offers audio/visual equipment for use during hearings and trials. While each courtroom accommodates a different configuration of audio/visual equipment, they each have an Evidence Presentation System (EPS). Counsel must reserve the equipment well in advance of trial.

The EPS consists of a document camera (for displaying paper evidence to the court), a Blu-Ray/DVD player and digital displays which allows the judge, attorneys, witnesses, and jury to view the evidence simultaneously.

The EPS also allows attorneys to connect a laptop for presentation of evidence using PowerPoint or other presentation software. Attorneys **MUST** provide their own technical assistance in preparing the laptop evidence presentation. The Court will not troubleshoot compatibility problems for attorneys using the EPS. Our system uses an HDMI or VGA connection for displaying evidence. If your laptop doesn't have either of these connections, you will need to provide an adapter to connect to the EPS.

Attorneys who wish to use courtroom audio or visual equipment at a trial or hearing are required to understand and be prepared to operate the equipment.

Attorneys who plan to use their own electronic equipment (such as laptops) at a hearing or trial must schedule time well in advance to practice and to test their equipment's compatibility with a courtroom's system.

Practice time should be scheduled with the Information Technology (IT) staff listed below for a date not less than two weeks prior to a hearing or trial.

The Court may deny the use of audio/visual equipment during a hearing or trial to attorneys who have failed to attend a practice session to confirm their equipment's compatibility with the court's system.

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